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Mr. BOLLING submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved*, That effective January 3, 1977, and until
2 March 31, 1977, there is hereby created a Select Committee
3 on Assassinations to be composed of twelve Members and
4 Delegates of the House of Representatives to be appointed by
5 the Speaker, one of whom he shall designate as chairman.
6 Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the select com-
7 mittee shall be filled in the same manner in which the orig-
8 inal appointment was made.

9 The select committee or a subcommittee thereof is
10 authorized and directed to conduct a full and complete
11 investigation and study of the circumstances surrounding
12 the assassination and death of President John F. Kennedy

1 and the assassination and death of Martin Luther King,
2 Junior, and of any other persons the select committee shall
3 determine might be related to either death in order to ascer-
4 tain (1) whether the existing laws of the United States,
5 including but not limited to laws relating to the safety and
6 protection of the President of the United States, assassina-
7 tions of the President of the United States, deprivation of
8 civil rights, and conspiracies related thereto, as well as the
9 investigatory jurisdiction and capability of agencies and
10 departments of the United States Government, are adequate,
11 either in their provisions or in the manner of their enforce-
12 ment; and (2) whether there was full disclosure and sharing
13 of information and evidence among agencies and departments
14 of the United States Government during the course of all
15 prior investigations into those deaths; and whether any
16 evidence or information which was not in the possession of
17 any agency or department of the United States Government
18 investigating either death would have been of assistance to
19 that agency or department, and why such information was
20 not provided to or collected by the appropriate agency or
21 department; and shall make recommendations to the House,
22 if the select committee deems it appropriate, for the amend-
23 ment of existing legislation or the enactment of new
24 legislation.

1 For the purpose of carrying out this resolution the select
2 committee, or any subcommittee thereof authorized by the
3 select committee to hold hearings, is authorized to sit and
4 act during the present Congress at such times and places
5 within the United States, including any Commonwealth or
6 possession thereof, or in any other country, whether the
7 House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned, to hold
8 such hearings, and to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the
9 attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the pro-
10 duction of such books, records, correspondence, memoranda,
11 papers, documents, tangible objects, and other things of any
12 kind as it deems necessary; to take testimony on oath any-
13 where within the United States or in any other country
14 and to authorize designated counsel for the select committee
15 to obtain statements from any witness who is placed under
16 oath by an authority who is authorized to administer oaths
17 in accordance with the applicable laws of the United States
18 or of any State; except that neither the select committee nor
19 any subcommittee thereof may sit while the House is read-
20 ing a measure for amendment under the five-minute rule
21 unless special leave to sit shall have been obtained from the
22 House. The chairman of the select committee may establish
23 such subcommittees of the select committee as he considers
24 appropriate. One-third of the members of the select com-

1 mittee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of busi-
2 ness as permitted by the rules of the House, except that the
3 select committee may designate a lesser number as a quorum
4 for the purpose of taking testimony, but not less than two.
5 The select committee may employ and fix the compensation
6 of such clerks, experts, consultants, technicians, attorneys,
7 investigators, and clerical and stenographic assistants as it
8 considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolu-
9 tion. The select committee may reimburse the members of
10 its staff for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses
11 incurred by them in the performance of the duties vested in
12 the select committee, other than expenses in connection with
13 meetings of the select committee or any subcommittee there-
14 of, held in the District of Columbia.

15 The procedure for the select committee or any subcom-
16 mittee to authorize and issue a subpoena shall be that provided
17 for in clause 2 (m) (2) (A) of rule XI of the Rules of the
18 House of Representatives. Subpenas may be served by any
19 persons designated by the chairman or any member.

20 The select committee shall be considered a committee of
21 the House of Representatives for all purposes of law, includ-
22 ing but not limited to section 102 of the Revised Statutes
23 of the United States (2 U.S.C. 192) ; and sections 6002 and
24 6005 of title 18, United States Code, or any other Act of

25 Congress regulating the granting of immunity to witnesses.

1 The select committee shall adopt the Rules of the House
2 of Representatives as part of the rules governing its proce-
3 dures. It shall adopt additional written rules governing its
4 procedures, which rules shall not be inconsistent with this
5 resolution or the Rules of the House of Representatives, and
6 which rules shall be public.

7 The select committee shall report to the House as soon
8 as practicable during the present Congress, but not later than
9 March 31, 1977, the results of its investigation and study,
10 together with such recommendations as it deems advisable.
11 Any such report which is made when the House is not in
12 session shall be filed with the Clerk of the House.

13 The provisions of H. Res. 11, Ninety-fifth Congress,
14 shall apply to the select committee.